

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	Philip G. Reinhard	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	02 C 50192	DATE	8/19/2002
CASE TITLE	SMITH vs. GOTTLIEB		

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☐ FRCP4(m) ☐ General Rule 21 ☐ FRCP41(a)(1) ☐ FRCP41(a)(2).
- (10) ☒ [Other docket entry] For the reasons set forth on the reverse Memorandum Opinion and Order, the motion of defendant, University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, to dismiss for lack of personal jurisdiction pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12 (b)(2) is granted.

- (11) ☒ [For further detail see order on the reverse side of the original minute order.]

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MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Plaintiffs, James Smith and Donna Smith, filed this action for personal injury resulting from medical malpractice and loss of consortium in Illinois state court against defendants, Justin Gottlieb, M.D., Retina Consultants of the University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation and University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics Authority ("UWHCA") (named in complaint as University of Wisconsin Clinics-University Station Clinic). The defendants removed the case to federal court based on diversity of citizenship, plaintiffs being citizens of Illinois and defendants citizens of Wisconsin. UWHCA moved for dismissal of this action against it pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(2) for lack of personal jurisdiction. Plaintiffs filed a first amended complaint on August 8, 2002. UWHCA's motion carried over to the first amended complaint. Plaintiffs notified the court they would not file a response to this motion.

Plaintiffs have the burden of establishing personal jurisdiction. RAR, Inc v. Turner Diesel, Ltd., 107 F.3d 1272, 1276 (7th Cir. 1997). UWHCA has filed the affidavit of its general counsel asserting it is not organized under the laws of Illinois and does not do business in Illinois. The affidavit further asserts that Gottlieb was not an employee nor an agent of UWHCA. The affidavit asserts Gottlieb was a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin System, an employee of the State of Wisconsin, and acting within the scope of such employment, in all of his contacts with plaintiff. Section 233.17(2)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes Annotated provides no member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin System acting within the scope of his employment may be considered for liability purposes to be an agent of UWHCA. Plaintiffs have not attempted to refute these assertions.

Personal jurisdiction exists under Illinois law, which applies in this diversity action, only when it is fair, just and reasonable to require a nonresident defendant to defend in Illinois considering the quality and nature of defendant's actions occurring in Illinois or affecting interests located in Illinois. Id. at 1275-76. Plaintiffs have made no showing that UWHCA has taken any actions in Illinois or affecting interests in Illinois. Plaintiffs have failed to meet their burden of establishing personal jurisdiction over UWHCA.

UWHCA's motion to dismiss is granted.